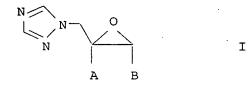
Preparation 1,2,4-triazolylmethyloxiranes

Abstract

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The present invention relates to a process for the preparation of 1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyloxiranes of the formula I

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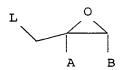


15 in which A and B are identical or different and, independently of one another, are C_1 - C_4 -alkyl, phenyl- C_1 - C_2 -alkyl, C_3 - C_6 -cycloalkenyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrofuranyl, dioxanyl or phenyl, where the phenyl radical can carry one to three substituents chosen from the group: halogen, nitro, C_1 - C_4 -alkyl,

20 C_1-C_4 -alkyloxy, phenoxy, amino, C_1-C_2 -haloalkyl or phenylsulfonyl, which comprises reacting

a) an oxirane of the formula II

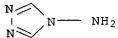
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in which A and B have the meanings given above and L is a nucleophilically substitutable leaving group, with 4-amino-1,2,4-triazole of the formula III

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III

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$$NH_2$$
 $N+O$
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to give 4-amino-1,2,4-triazolium salts of the formula IV and

b) deaminating the 4-amino-1,2,4-triazolium salts IV with alkali metal nitrites and acid or organic nitrites to give 1,2,4-triazol-1-ylmethyloxiranes of the formula I,

5 and to 4—aminotriazolium salts of the formula IV as intermediates.